Code	Item	Policy	Condition
1006	Paddy (Rice in husk) Rice	Restricted	Export permitted under licence
1006	Non-Basmati	Free	with Markings indicating the product being Indian Basmati Rice, in whatever manner, shall also be permitted to the extent of actual requirements considering the total quantity of the consignment and the sizes of the empty bags being exported. Export allowed subject to registration of contracts with the Agricultural & Processed Foods Export Development Authority (APED A), New Delhi.

Free Import of Oilseeds

2335. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to allow free import of oilseeds like soyabean and sunflower;

(b) whether it is a fact that the country has already attained/nearing self-sufficiency in edible oils; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for allowing free import of oilseeds stating the.period by which dependency on im ports is likely to be over?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Although concerted efforts are underway through the implementation of the Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) in 23 States, covering 374 sleeted Districts to increase the production of Oilseeds and to make the country self-relieant in edible oil, and although the production of oilseeds is increasing year after year. the increase in production of oilseeds is not keeping pace with the increasing demand for edible oil due to increase in population and improvement in standard of living. The domestic demand and supply of edible oils in the country in the Oil Year 1998-99 is estimated to be 82 Lakh MT and 68 Lakh MT respectively. Government has, therefore, allowed free import of oilseeds, namely, Soyabean in split/cracked form, Sunflower and Rapeseed to meet the shortage of edible oils. Import of Sunflower and Rapeseed is allowed subject to quarantine requirements.

Import of cigarettes for re-export

2336. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge quantity of cigarettes is being imported for the purpose of re-export;

(b) if so, the quantity imported and re-exported during each of the last three years alongwith the details of the countries/agencies to which these have been re-exported; and